

*I. In the claims:*

Please amend claims 1, 2, 8, 9, and 19 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A trimmer line comprising:
  - an elongate monofilament having a proximal end and a distal end;
  - a collar secured to said distal end of said monofilament, wherein said collar has a hollow interior section adapted to receive said monofilament;
  - said collar comprises a proximal end and a distal end;
  - said distal end of said collar is flush with said distal end of said monofilament and said proximal end of said collar is adapted to extend toward said proximal end of said monofilament;
  - said proximal end of said collar comprises a flange;
  - said flange and said collar are a single concentric unit;
  - said flange includes an external diameter greater than an external diameter of said collar;
  - said flange is adapted to place said monofilament adjacent to an aperture in a trimming apparatus; and
  - said distal end of said collar is ~~adapted to encircle~~ encircles a portion of said monofilament extending from said flange to said distal end of said collar.
2. (Currently Amended) The trimmer line of claim 1, wherein said monofilament comprises a non-circular uniform cross section from said proximal end to said distal end of said monofilament.
3. (Previously Amended) The trimmer line of claim 1, wherein said collar comprises a hollow circular cross-section adapted to extend from said distal end of said monofilament to said flange.
4. (Canceled) The trimmer line of claim 1, wherein said distal end of said monofilament is flush with said collar.

5. (Original) The trimmer line of claim 1, wherein said collar is crimped to said monofilament.
6. (Previously Amended) The trimmer line of claim 5, wherein said crimp forms an indentation into said monofilament forward of said distal end.
7. (Previously Canceled) The trimmer line of claim 6, wherein said crimp is located  $1/3$  the distance from the distal end of the collar.
8. (Currently Amended) The trimmer line of claim ~~6~~ 7, wherein placement and position of said collar and said crimp is adapted to reduce stress and strain on said monofilament and to prevent premature breakage of said monofilament from said collar.
9. (Currently Amended) A trimmer line for a trimmer comprising:

C(        said trimmer comprising a cutting head having a housing with a first end adapted to be mounted to a drive shaft, and a second end having an elongated annular flange and an aperture in said flange extending from an interior wall to an exterior wall;

      said trimmer line comprising a finite monofilament length comprising a proximal end and a distal end;

      a collar mounted to said distal end of said monofilament;

      said collar comprising a proximal end and a distal end, said distal end of said collar is adapted to be flush with said distal end of said monofilament, and said proximal end of said collar comprising a flange;

      said flange and said collar are a single concentric unit;

      said flange includes an external diameter greater than an external diameter of said collar; and

      said flange of said collar comprising a distal end and a proximal end, wherein said proximal end of said flange is adapted to be placed in communication with said interior wall of said aperture of said cutting head flange.

10. (Previously Amended) The trimmer line of claim 9, wherein a portion of said monofilament extending from said distal end of said collar to said flange rests within said interior wall of said cutting head.
11. (Previously Amended) The trimmer line of claim 9, wherein said collar is within said interior wall of said cutting head.
12. (Previously Amended) The trimmer line of claim 11, wherein said collar comprises a crimp adapted to secure said collar to said monofilament.
13. (Previously Amended) The trimmer line of claim 12, wherein said crimp forms an indentation into said monofilament.
14. (Previously Canceled) The trimmer line of claim 12, wherein said crimp is located 1/3 the distance from the distal end of the collar.
15. (Previously Amended) The trimmer line of claim 12, wherein positioning of said collar and said crimp is adapted to reduce stress and strain on said monofilament and is adapted to prevent breakage of said monofilament from said collar.
16. (Previously Amended) The trimmer line of claim 9, wherein said monofilament further comprises a spur mounted between said flange and said proximal end of said monofilament.
17. (Previously Amended) The trimmer line of claim 9, wherein said collar is comprised of a metallic material.
18. (Previously Amended) The trimmer line of claim 17, wherein said metallic material is brass.

19. (Currently Amended) A trimmer line for a line trimmer cutting head comprising:

said cutting head comprises a housing with a first end adapted to be mounted to a drive shaft of a line trimmer apparatus and a second end with an elongated open annular flange;

said annular flange comprises a wall with an interior side and an exterior side, and said wall includes an aperture therein adapted to extend from said interior side to said exterior side of said wall;

U said trimmer line comprising a first end adapted to be inserted through said aperture from said interior side to said exterior side of said wall;

said trimmer line comprising a second end with a collar adapted to extend from said second end to said interior side of said wall; and

said collar comprises a proximal end with a flange having an external diameter greater than a diameter of said aperture, and said flange and said collar are a single concentric unit, wherein said flange is adapted to rest against said interior side of said wall.

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